



### A FEW SURPLUS PORKERS.

The man who produces a few surplus porkers under weevil conditions, will find that he will not miss so much the percentage of cotton income clipped from his account by the boll weevil.

At present, the local meat markets are under supplied with home produced meats, and will pay more than the Chicago price for hogs weighing 150 to 200 pounds. As soon as the local markets become over-supplied, we may expect the local price to drop below that of the regular hog market of the country. This, however, need not interfere with our selling co-operatively in

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### Cole Charged with Burning Barn.

Enoch Cole, of Rockingham, was given a hearing before Squire Barrett Tuesday night on the charge of arson—burning the barn of Lewis Dockery on Thursday night, Feb. 2nd. Atty. Sedberry defended him, and W. S. Thomas and E. A. Harrell prosecuted for Lewis. The magistrate bound him to April term under \$300 bond; he has not given bond yet and is in jail.

The barn of Lewis Dockery was found to be on fire about 3 o'clock last Thursday night. Lewis lives near the old Gill mill, in Marks Creek township. He has two barns, some 100 feet apart. Both barns were on fire, but one was extinguished before the flames had made much headway. The other barn was lost, together with two good mules, wagon, farming equipment and feed.

The evidence against Enoch (both men are colored) is circumstantial. He introduced no evidence for himself at the hearing, preferring to wait until Court.

### Braswell Never Stops.

Chief Braswell, of Hamlet, is a sleuth of untiring energy. Last week he went to Washington for a prisoner, and on his way back discovered that one Wash Baldwin, colored, escaped from the Richmond county roads last year, was a dishwasher on the diner. He searched the train and finally found the man hid in a linen closet of the rear Pullman.

Wash is now again on the chain gang, being carried thither Monday.

### Postmaster Thomas Resigns.

Rather than be summarily kicked out by the powers-that-be, Postmaster W. S. Thomas on January 14th sent in his resignation to Washington as postmaster at Rockingham. It was promptly accepted. He was notified that he would be held accountable for the office until his successor qualifies—which means that he will continue in office until a Radical is appointed and is sworn in. This may be two weeks, two months or a year. But hardly very long, for the "faithful" are mighty pie hungry and such a luscious plum will not be allowed to linger longer in a Democrat's clutch.

Mr. Thomas was appointed postmaster by President Wilson on March 1st, 1915. In 1919 he was reappointed for four years, and therefore his term, if not interrupted with, would not have expired until July 29, 1923. He has given general satisfaction in the conduct of the office, but this doesn't figure in an appointment.

An inspector was sent here to investigate the charge that he had not complied with the postal rules in staying on the job 8 consecutive hours each day. Mr. Thomas himself admitted that very often he was out of the postoffice at some time during the 8-hour period—but that he many times over was on the job at the postoffice at night and in rush periods; but he can receive no credit for this. He must stay at the office 8 hours each day, even though he may have worked till late the previous night or intended working late the same night.

In other words, not being able to find any real charge against him to get him out, the Republicans resorted to a strict interpretation of a rule—and realizing they would in some way succeed in ousting him, he sent in his resignation. The inspectors found the office run entirely o. k. Not a flaw in how the books were kept; every penny correctly accounted for.

It is reported that the leading Republican candidates for the job W. F. Long, Jr., M. L. Tucker and B. C. Crawford.

### Whiskey Ford \$201.

The Charlie Callahan Ford captured with Callahan by the Sheriff on Dec. 4th with about 4 gallons of whiskey, was sold at auction here Monday, and was bid in by Callahan for \$201. \$12 of this pays the expense of sale, and the balance, \$189, goes to the school fund. At the trial at January term of Court, Callahan was fined \$10 in one case and \$15 in another, besides the costs. And the loss of his cost, or rather \$201, makes the amount he had to pay out quite considerable.

### Fire at Wholesale House.

Fire was discovered Wednesday night about 9:45 in the front part of the southern section of the McRae Wholesale Grocery. But for its timely discovery, undoubtedly the entire building would have been gutted. As it is, the damage was confined strictly to something like 100 cases of matches and the loss will hardly be more than \$400, covered by insurance.

The fire started in the front part of the building where 100 cases of matches were stored. Arthur Gibson passed the store just as the flames were creeping among the boxes. He gave the alarm, and in short order the La France truck responded. The front window was burst open, and the chemical hose turned on the flames, which by this time were mounting towards the roof. The unburned cases were thrown outside, and the flames put out without turning water into the building. A few minutes later and the fire would have gained such headway as to have gutted the entire building.

### County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners were in session last Monday. Among the matters transacted was renewing the appropriation for a county demonstrator (W. H. Barton), and for a county home demonstration agent (Mrs. John Sandy Covington.)

### Cole Pays \$90,300.

The re-sale of the 14,000-acre tract of land of the Richmond County Land & Development Co., was held at the courthouse Feb. 4th. It was sold under a \$75,000 mortgage of the Bank of Union. The first sale two weeks ago resulted in the Bank of Union buying the land for \$86,000. T. T. Cole raised the bid by five per cent, and on the re-sale last Saturday he was the only bidder, the property being knocked off to him at the raised bid price of \$90,300.

### Ellerbe School.

Owing to the prevalence of colds, mumps and a light form of flu in the community, it was deemed best on last Friday to close the Ellerbe school for a week. The teachers and pupils met in the auditorium as usual Friday morning, and there were informed by Supt. Morris Mitchell that after consultation by two physicians and the school board it was thought best to suspend school work for a week.

Mr. Mitchell is spending this week in New York with his wife and young son, the little fellow being sick. Mr. Mitchell will return Saturday night and reopen school next Monday morning.

### CONVICTS CAUGHT

Two Escaped Robeson County White Convicts Caught Last Friday Night at Steele's Mills. Mrs. Fred Cannon Accidentally Shot by Officer.

On Tuesday of last week seven white convicts made their escape from a road cage in Robeson county by sawing the bars. Three were captured next day at St. Paul, but the remaining four seized an automobile near Fayetteville, came to Raeford, robbed a store, but were pursued so closely that they had to abandon the car and take to the woods near Raeford. A bloodhound was put on the trail and followed them to the vicinity of Hoffman, then on into Richmond county but gave out Thursday morning

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### Only 257 Registered.

The registration books for the school bond election for Rockingham will close Saturday night, 11th. Up until noon today only 251 had registered. This after the Parent-Teachers Association met, addressed by Mrs. Garibaldi, of Charlotte, and after the meeting 6 ladies registered, bringing the total to press time to 257. This is barely half the number of qualified voters in town. Only two days remain. See H. L. Guthrie and register before Saturday night.

### Courthouse Plans.

Mr. Southerland, representing C. C. Hook, architect, was here from Charlotte Monday submitting tentative drawings for the new courthouse. Monday night the attorneys met and went over the plans with him.

A large picture of the proposed building can be seen in the Register of Deeds office. The building will be two stories and a basement, is quite large, with plenty of room, and looks splendidly. It will be a memorial to the men of the Civil and World wars, with the lobby set apart for a record of those who served.

The revised plans will again be submitted to the County Commissioners, and bids for the construction will soon be advertised and work should commence certainly by May 1st.

### How About a League?

The Hamlet fans are already getting the ball fever. The secretary of their club has sent out a circular letter to Rockingham, Wadesboro, Monroe, Laurinburg and Lumberton suggesting the formation of a six-town league for summer baseball. Is there any sentiment locally for organizing and entering such a circuit this summer?

### Superior Court.

A special term of Court for criminal cases will convene next Monday, 13th, with Judge McElroy presiding. The first case to be taken up will be the Dennis Jessup case; then the Leak (colored) dance hall affray case. The six-months Grand Jury, empaneled at January term, will not be required to report for duty next week. The petit jury drawn for the special term consists of

J. S. Birmingham	J. F. Bostian
J. E. Treece	Wm. H. Entwistle
Jno. S. Covington	J. C. Baldwin
D. H. Gay	D. A. Sneed
J. W. Webb	W. J. McAskill
T. R. Helms	C. J. Jones
B. W. Walker	Remus Whitlock
J. H. King	J. A. Goodman
M. P. Moree	C. A. Hudson
Grady Covington	Geo. W. Ball
Stansill Covington	R. W. Godfrey
Hugh R. Smith	J. A. Reynolds

### Jury Must Hear It.

Squire Mullis held an all-day session in the court room last Friday to determine whether Tom Liles, colored, should be bound over to Superior Court. Tom is charged with arson. The hearing began at 11 o'clock and was not concluded until 6:30 in the afternoon. The magistrate found probable cause and sent the case to the higher court, with Liles giving a \$1000 bond for his appearance.

Tom Liles is a colored man whose small store, on Stewart street in Rockingham, was destroyed by fire the morning of January 1st. The State Insurance Department, represented by deputy Scott, contended that he had more insurance than his stock justified and this with other evidence would tend to cast suspicion as to the origin of the fire. Tom denies this and his attorneys—Messrs. Sedberry & Phillips, and W. R. Jones—assert they will prove his innocence when the case comes up for trial in April. The State was represented by Atty. Fred W. Bynum. About 30 witnesses were examined, these being for the State. The defense held its hand, and introduced no evidence.

### Road Survey.

Surveyors are still busy going over several proposed routes for the Hoffman-Rockingham State Highway. One route surveyed would really be an extension of Washington street in a direct line for 5 miles and then would make a turn and come into the Hamlet-Hoffman road at Marston, making the distance from Marston to Rockingham 9 and 45-100 miles, and placing Marston a few hundred yards nearer Rockingham than Hamlet.

However, no route has been selected, and the surveyors are still at work.

PUT IT UP TO PAYNE  
"Honestly it's the best Policy."

### CHAMBER COMMERCE

Good Fellows Banquet Friday Night. Col. Kirkpatrick Speaker. Big Turn Out. Chamber of Commerce Result.

The third meeting of the Good Fellows club will take the form of a banquet instead of the customary mid-day luncheon. The banquet will be at the hotel Friday night, 10th, at 7:45 o'clock. A departure will be the fact that members can be accompanied by a lady.

The speaker of the evening will be Col. Kirkpatrick, of Charlotte. It is earnestly desired that a Chamber of Commerce be organized in the city with a paid secretary. The meeting Friday night will be "Chamber of Commerce" night, and facts and figures will be given along this line. And then next week a canvass will likely be made in a more material way.

This is the opportunity that many citizens have long waited for. We need the impetus of such an organization. We need a central agency around which the community can rally. We need to go forward. And NOW is the time. Friday night the OCCASION. Are YOU interested in the development of Rockingham? If so, lay aside every other interest and come to the banquet at the hotel tomorrow night. Phone or see Joe Stephenson, T. C. Jones or A. G. Corpening, and they will include your name "in the pot." If you are not a member of the club, you are hereby given an invitation to join. Simply come to the banquet Friday night. No dues—no initiation fees. Simply costs you \$1.00 month—50c for the "feed" and 50c for the club treasury. Let's go. Let's pull for Rockingham—the best town of all. Tomorrow is the night! Are you on?

### Basketball Scores.

In the county basketball league, only three games were played last Friday—Derby boys beat Pee Dee boys 24-4; Derby girls won from Pee Dee girls 22-9; and Rockingham girls won from Roberdel girls 25-16.

Gibson won from Rham boys Monday 19-16. Wagram won at Wagram Wednesday from the boys 15-9, but the Rham girls won from Wagram girls 23-22.

### Wm. S. Hart

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"O'MALLEY OF  
THE MOUNTED"  
Friday, Feb. 10  
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Some One Has Aptly Remarked, That  
"the only things certain"

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